

**Development of the Gulf of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observing
System (GCOOS) and its Regional Association (GCOOS-RA):
Phase II**

**Progress Report
July 1, 2005 - December 31, 2005**

Although the grant for "Development of the Gulf of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observing System (GCOOS) and its Regional Association (GCOOS-RA): Phase II" was awarded effective 1 July 2005, funding for the first year (\$312,061) was not received until 7 October 2005. At that time, Ann Jochens and Susan Martin were retroactively put on payroll from 1 September 2005. Jochens was added at 25% time for September and 50% time beginning October 2005. Martin was added at 50% time from September on. Ann Jochens is the GCOOS Regional Coordinator; she provides staff support for the GCOOS Board of Directors and day-to-day oversight of the GCOOS Office and its activities. Susan Martin provides office support maintaining the web site, coordinating travel, and arranging meetings.

At this time, we are planning for the January meetings of the Stakeholders, Parties, and Board of Directors to be held in Mobile, AL, during the week of January 9, 2006. For further information regarding ongoing GCOOS activities, please see the semi-annual report for the initial GCOOS project or our web site <http://www.gcoos.org>.